

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Without prejudice, the claims have been amended to facilitate prosecution. Specifically, the method of claim 1 has been incorporated in claim 16 and the method of claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 17. Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled. The dependency and preamble of claims 3-15 has been altered to reflect this amendment. Claims 18-20 have been cancelled.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required that Applicant restrict the application under 35 U.S.C. §121. Specifically, the Examiner restricted the application to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1 - 15, drawn to a method of making a fiber assembly;
- II. Claims 16 -17, drawn to a fiber assembly; and
- III. Claims 18-20, drawn to a fiber composite.

In reply, Applicant hereby elects Group II.

In this regard, the Examiner has also required Applicant under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claims is finally held to be allowable. Specifically, the Examiner has indicated the following species:

- I. Species A: fibers are normal to the opposing surfaces; and
Species B: fibers are substantially parallel to opposing surfaces; and
- II. Species M; composite has varying fiber concentration,
Species N: composite has varying fiber diameter, and
Species O: composite has different electrodes.

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In reply, to the extent Applicant understands this election of species requirement, he hereby elects to pursue Species O. Applicant submits that Claims 3-17 are readable on this species.

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